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1. According to recent statistics, the present population of Albania is 1,080,000 persons, of whom 14% are old people about 60 years of age, 10.3% young people between 15 and 19 years and 8.6% children of up to 4 years. These figures are frequently used [redacted] by the Soviet authorities in stressing the futility of Albanian demands for industrialization, in which the Soviets take no interest except as regards exploitation of natural resources. 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM
2. In this connection, [redacted] the five Albanian chrome mines, (with a total production in 1949 of 77,000 tons) exported to the Soviet Union 9,700 tons in October, November and December 1949 and 7,100 tons in January 1950. 60% of the output of the Rubic copper mines reportedly goes to the USSR. Exports of ore from Rubic to the Soviet Union in October, November, and December 1949 totalled 5,000 tons, compared with 2,700 tons in January 1950. Moreover, [redacted] the Soviet Union took 65% of Albanian production of ferruginous, bauxite and chrome for January 1950, as well as 50% of the country's output of pyrites and bituminous products, while 69% of the output of the Albanian tobacco factories in January 1950 was reportedly exported to the Soviet Union. In addition, Soviet advisers are reportedly asking for the allocation of 600 million lek to deep boring in 1950, in the exploitation of the oil industry. 50X1-HUM
3. Soviet investments for 1950 allegedly include the following:

<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Investment in million lek</u>
Mines	800
Manufacturing industries	800.3
Transport	468.6
Agriculture	296.3

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4. [] the Soviet authorities are also highly interested in the Albanian forests, which cover an area of 1,130,000 hectares. Timber cut in 1949 amounted to nearly 1,500,000 meters, of which 413,000 meters were exported to the Soviet Union.
5. With a view to increasing production, the "Skqperi Dru" (Albanian Timber) Department of the Ministry of Agriculture is to be put under Soviet Inspector-General, Andrei Emilienko.
6. Emilienko's arrival in Tirana (scheduled for early March 1950) reportedly follows discussions with the Albanian Commercial Attache in Moscow, Thokar Fundo, as a result of which it was decided to increase timber cut to 3,500,000 meters a year.

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